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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Joseph Scrivano. I'm 22 years old and have been working in the hearth and alternative heating industry for 5 years. Earlier this year, I found myself in the unenviable position of looking for employment. I went to Mainline Heating & Supply and asked Scott if he was looking to hire anyone. Scott believed that even given the current business climate, I would be a worthwhile investment. In the weeks since then, I've seen more and more how serious of a decision that was for him to make.

The walls in our showroom hallways are filled with heartfelt thank you letters, awards for service and sales, pictures and even Christmas cards with happy families standing in front of their new boiler. Unfortunately, the showroom now has very few customers coming in to ask about our Outdoor Wood Furnaces. The few that do, ask about them hypothetically as if it's a foregone conclusion that they just cannot get one. I guess it goes to show what a little bit of bad media and a lot of ignorance about a product can do to an industry.

There are plenty of responsible, realistic and reasonable regulations that are already in place on outdoor wood furnaces. It seems to me that the state lawmakers feel as though they don't have the money and resources to properly enforce these regulations. I believe that is simply lazy and completely disrespectful to every citizen who bought an OWF. These products are a safe, viable alternative energy solution and the industry does stimulate our economy. These are American made products that burn carbon neutral American wood!

A steep fine for the improper use of these Outdoor Wood Furnaces is the most obvious solution. If implemented properly, these fines could even help add money to the state of Connecticut. It would not be difficult to enforce improper burning. The technology already exists for simple, cost effective testing. Aside from the few individuals who insist on burning in the summer, I can think of no reason why these OWFs should be problematic when owners are burning legally and responsibly and as I stated earlier, a simple statewide regulation can be implemented and enforced to address the issue.

Thank you,

Joseph Scrivano